

**City of San Diego
MEDICAL MARIJUANA/CANNABIS TASK FORCE**

**MEETING SUMMARY FOR
FRIDAY, MAY 17TH, 2002 @ 12 NOON**

**EXECUTIVE COMPLEX - 5TH FLOOR
1010 SECOND AVENUE**

For Information contact Ed Plank (236-6433) or Alison Glennon (236-5943).

Attendees:

The following Task Force members were in attendance: Juliana Humphrey, St. Clair Adams, Dale Kelly Bankhead, Dr. Al Best, Dr. Daniel Pearce, Larry Chaidez, Michael Bartelmo, Steve McWilliams and Mike Barbee. Staff: Ed Plank, Lt. Cesar Solis, Lt. Carl Black.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Media Relations/Outreach Sub-Committee

The Media Relations Sub-Committee reviewed a video and discussed efforts to solicit patients and doctors to create a five minute video. A session was scheduled for June 1st, to interview candidates. Juliana has asked for any patients or doctors to please call her or Dale to set up an appointment if they are interested in participating in the video.

Medical Research Sub-Committee

Handout on studies is underway. Dr. Mattison anticipates studies may take 2 to 3 years to provide definitive conclusions. Mike Bartelmo to set up tour. Reps from Councilmembers Atkins and Inzunza may be invited to attend.

Patient/Doctor Sub-Committee

Ed distributed Website subject area listing with notation of the corresponding sub-committee that could be responsible for developing content.

Legislative Sub-Committee

RFP - Dale we are on the verge of issuing the RFP. Staa stated some minor modifications are needed, shooting for the ID Card to be set up by the Fall. Requested names of potential vendors so they could be mailed the RFP package. Draft grow guidelines sent to Police, City Attorney and Councilmembers Atkins and Inzunza. One issue that has come up is the definition of caregiver, it appears that the Police Department is interpreting caregiver as having restrictive definition. Juliana will do some legal research on the issue. She pointed out that prosecutorial organizations tend to define term more restrictively while others define it more expansively. Dr. Best expressed concern over the Police Department's interpretation. Juliana requested Task Force members to submit definition of caregiver based on their experience. St Clair understands current definition is based on Attorney General Dan Lungren, when Prop 215 was approved. Juliana said we are pursuing Lockyer Task Force report discussion of this, suggested to use tax guidelines or ADA definitions, Juliana will pursue.

Law Enforcement Sub-Committee

St. Clair on amounts, the Police do not want specific amounts noted, they want a case by case review. Dale pointed out, that the doors are still open, pending additional medical information. Juliana pointed out that the judicial system supports case by case review. Cesar pointed out it would be helpful if there were District Attorney or State Attorney General guidelines to go by. The Police Department is continuing to work with the DA Task Force Working Group on this issue. Juliana's information was that the DA had no plans to develop guidelines.

Training - Lt. Black, issued memo requesting officers be familiar with established procedures. Cesar Solis reminded Captains at meeting last week that officers are to contact Narcotics for guidance on follow up actions. Cesar mentioned that the memo is being updated. St Clair reminded people that next sub-committee meeting is June 20.

Patient Advocacy Sub-Committee

Steve spoke about a recent raid. Spoke of being called into Assistant Chief Saldamando's Office and informed that he does not meet caregiver definition. Steve indicated that his information was that the Police Department representatives at Task Force were the ones who said to destroy the plants and he indicated that he feels the Chief's Office needs to be directly represented, not have Narcotics Officers present. Steve feels Peron decision clearly establishes caregiver definition.

Steve made motion to dis-invite Cesar Solis and invite representative from the Chief's Office. Larry seconded the motion. Task Force discussed pros and cons of inviting additional PD representatives, versus dis-inviting others. Motion amended to invite representative of the Chief. Points were made that there is a benefit to having as many people as possible, so not to exclude people. St Clair suggested Boyd Long would be good PD representative.. Cesar to speak with the Chief's Office. At Mike

Barbee's request, Cesar Solis, committed to notify Juliana of any PD interactions with medical patients.
Request for City Attorney to have a greater commitment to regular attendance.